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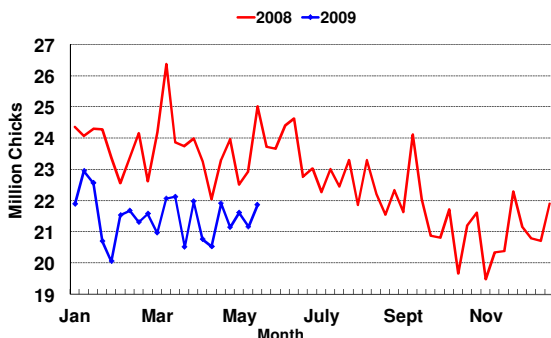
Arkansas Chick Placements Down 13 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.9 million during the week ending May 23, 2009. Placements were down 13 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 3 percent from the previous week.

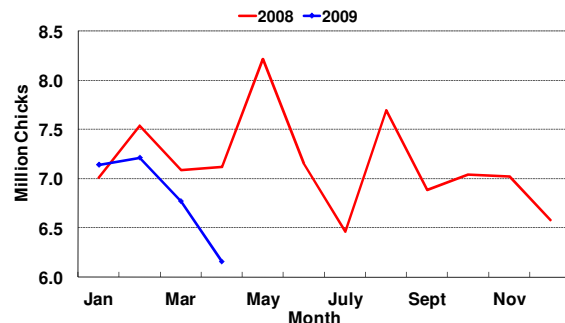
Arkansas hatcheries set 24.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 23, 2009, down 11 percent from the same period last year but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.16 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2009, down 13 percent from April 2008.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 25, 2009 - May 23, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	16-May	23-May	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	16-May	23-May
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,465	29,533 *	29,705	29,867	29,892	19,724	20,352 *	21,024	20,755 *	20,860
Arkansas	23,797	23,739 *	23,447	24,049	24,116	21,929	21,156	21,626	21,171 *	21,879
Delaware	3,529	3,615	3,579	3,760	3,616	4,758	5,033	4,850	5,346	5,168
Florida	991	994	995	992	992	685	695	821	870	718
Georgia	30,878	31,673 *	31,659	32,085	31,618	27,560	27,251	25,974	25,848	26,611
Kentucky	7,552	7,699	7,739	7,589	7,930	5,869	6,067	6,769	5,968	6,468
Louisiana	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,245	1,896	1,902	1,888	1,902	1,917
Maryland	8,963	8,799	8,700	8,803	8,870	5,637	6,088	6,451	5,834	5,448
Mississippi	17,849	17,456 *	17,996	18,587	18,372	16,899	16,693	16,072	16,311	15,625
N. Carolina	18,449	18,629 *	18,831	18,388	18,368	15,836	15,639	15,659	15,284 *	15,475
Oklahoma	7,047	7,002 *	6,779	6,667	6,683	4,601	4,931	4,417	4,701	3,938
Pennsylvania	4,061	3,805	4,182 *	3,667 *	3,950	3,168	3,105	3,098 *	3,095 *	3,025
S. Carolina	5,636	5,714	5,905	5,629	5,594	4,257	4,768	5,862	5,019	5,085
Texas	14,980	14,500	15,134	15,363	15,501	13,341	13,001	13,340	12,991	12,618
Virginia	6,236	6,283	6,381	6,401	6,226	5,475	4,562	4,996	5,129	5,380
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,623	19,319	19,913 *	19,996 *	19,906	17,736	16,713	16,605 *	17,378 *	16,735
19 State Total	201,286	200,990 *	203,175 *	204,073 *	203,879	169,371	167,956 *	169,452 *	167,602 *	166,950
Prev. Year Total	214,262	214,943	215,106	218,063	217,208	178,663	178,080	177,253	175,827	177,324
% of Prev. Year	94	94	94	94	94	95	94	96	95	94

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 23, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 23, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 23, 2009 were 3.52 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.